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George Farah, Executive Director
Open Debates
529 14th Street, NW
Suite 1201
Washington, DC 20045

RE: MUR 5414
Commission on Presidential Debates

Dear Mr. Farah:

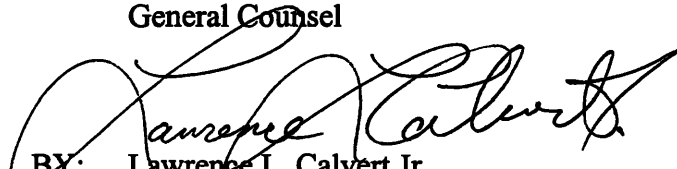
On December 13, 2004, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") reviewed the allegations in your complaint dated February 19, 2004 and your supplement dated July 26, 2004, and found, on the basis of the information provided by you and information provided by Respondent Commission on Presidential Debates, there is no reason to believe the Commission on Presidential Debates violated, or continues to violate, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). Accordingly, on December 13, 2004, the Commission closed the file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel


BY: Lawrence L. Calvert Jr.
Deputy Associate General Counsel
for Enforcement

Enclosure:
General Counsel's Report